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THE MAN OF TOMORROW

**OUTGROWN
YOUR SUPER-
FAMILY?
TIME TO GET
A LITTLE SPACE.**

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**FORGING THE FUTURE
ONE HERO AT A TIME**

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MR. ALVA?
SIR?
IS HE...
DEAD?



OF
COURSE
HE IS!
AND
YOU KILLED
HIM, FIRING AT
US LIKE THAT!
OUR HANDS
WERE UP!



THIS IS WHAT
YOU CAME FROM
ANOTHER TIME
TO *SEE*, ISN'T
IT?

DOES THIS...FIX
YOUR--*OUR*--
HISTORY?

ONLY ONE
WAY TO
FIND OUT.



LET'S
SEE OUR
FUTURE...



CURTIS
METCALF, YOU ARE
UNDER ARREST FOR THE
MURDER OF EDWIN ALVA.
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
REMAIN SILENT. ANYTHING
YOU SAY CAN AND WILL
BE USED AGAINST
YOU--

WHAT?!
YOU MURDERED
HIM! NOT ME! GET
YOUR HANDS OFF
OF ME!



WHO DO
YOU THINK
THEY'LL
BELIEVE...

DAKOTA CITY
PENITENTIARY.

YOUR
LAWYER'S
HERE TO
SEE YOU.

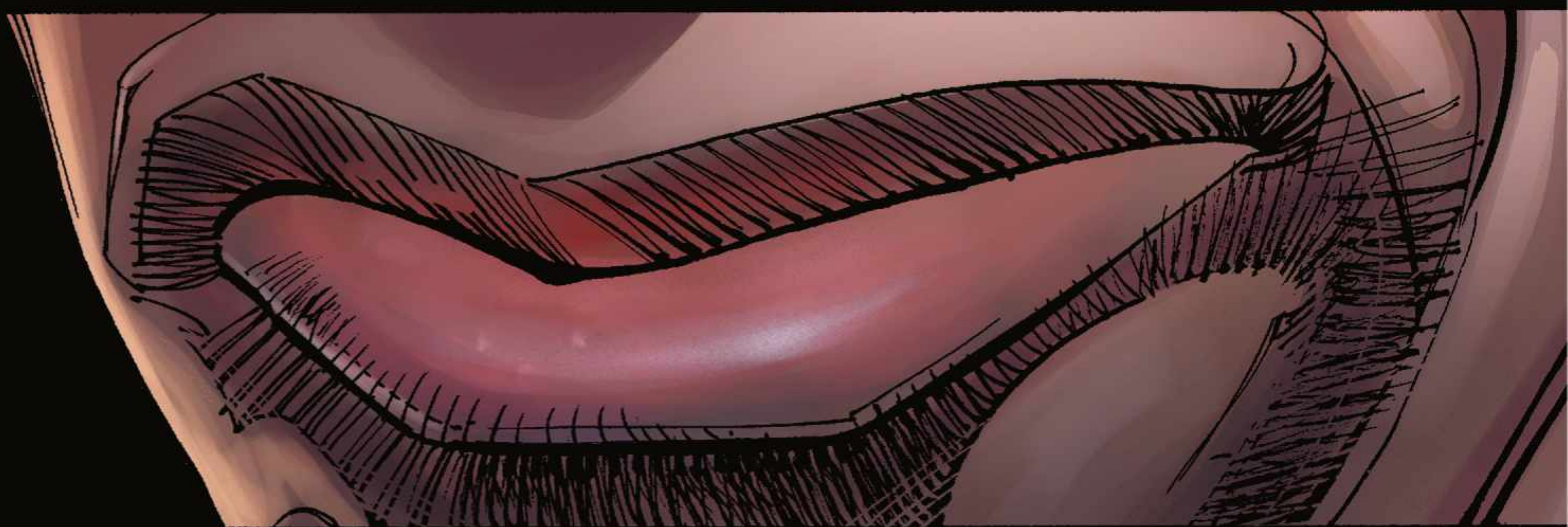
READY
TO GET
OUT OF
HERE?

HOW?
YOU HAVEN'T
DONE A DAMN
THING YET. I WISH
BARRAKI WAS
REPRESENTING
ME.

WHILE
THAT MAY HAVE
BEEN SWEET, YOUR
SPOUSE ISN'T
ALLOWED TO.
CONFLICT OF
INTEREST.

I
DON'T HAVE
A CHANCE IN
HELL WITH
YOU.

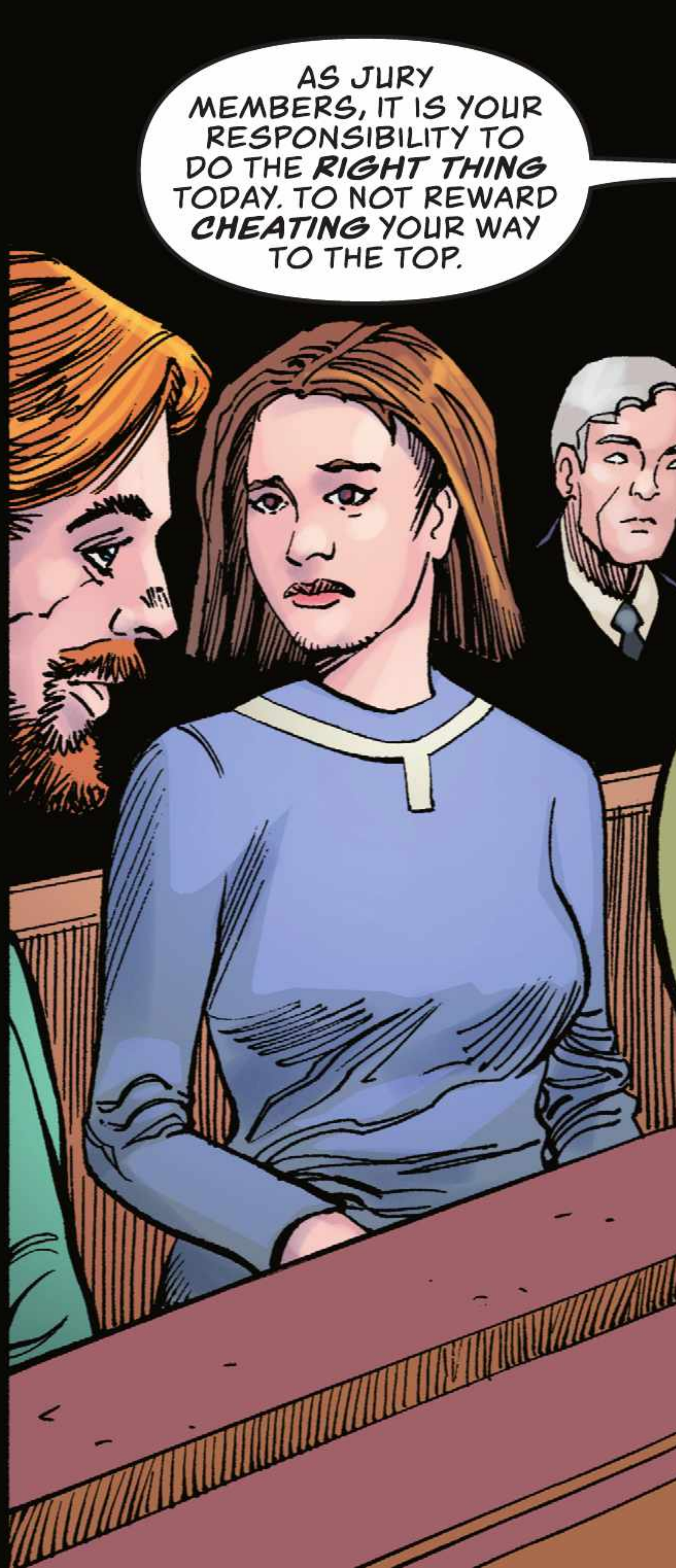
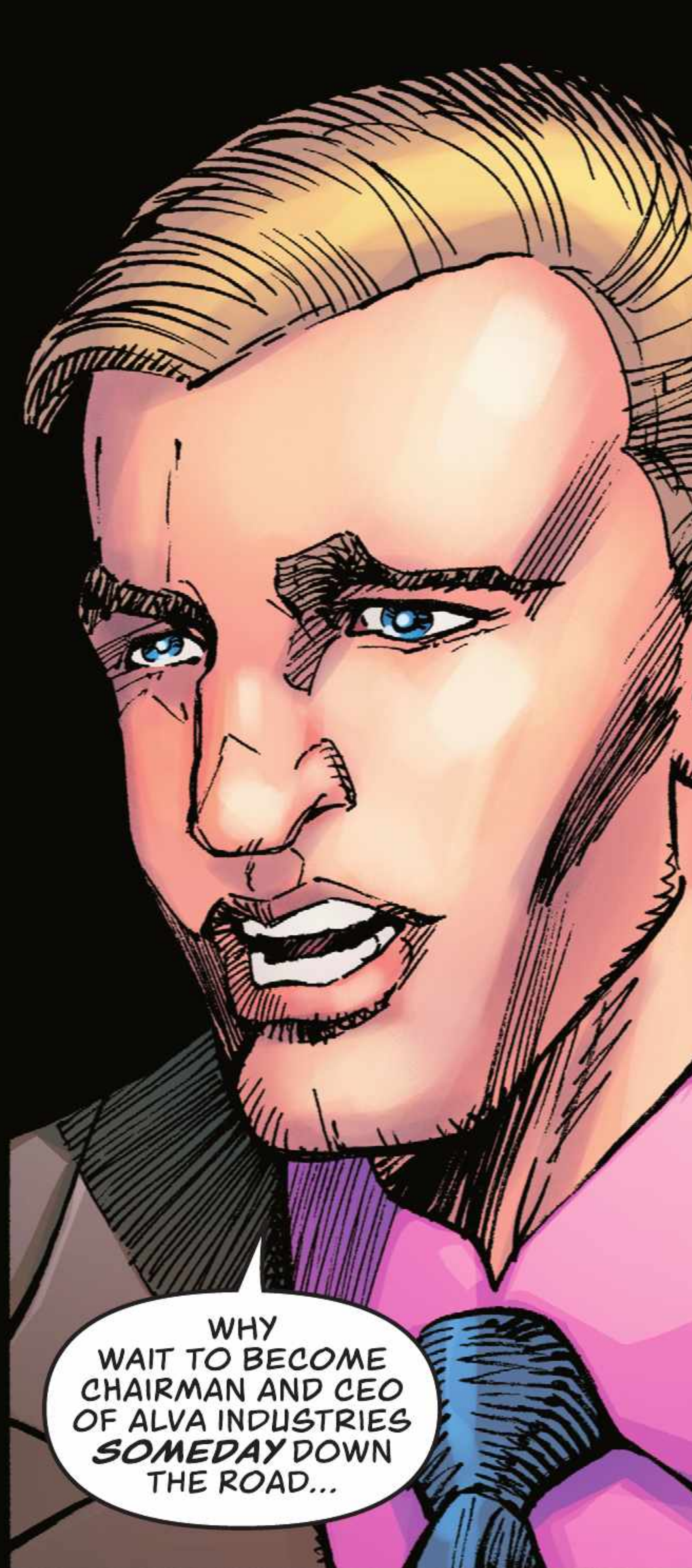
THEN CALL ME
MR. FREEZE, 'CAUSE IT'S ABOUT
TO BE A COLD DAY. I FOUND
THE SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE.



THIS TRIAL
HAS **GRIPPED**
DAKOTA CITY IN A
WAY THAT VERY
FEW DO--PERHAPS
MORE THAN ANY
TRIAL BEFORE.

I ASK THE JURY,
AS YOU HEAR CLOSING
ARGUMENTS, TO BASE
YOUR VERDICT **SOLELY** ON
WHAT YOU HAVE WITNESSED
IN THIS COURTROOM, AND
NOT ANYTHING ELSE YOU
MAY HAVE SEEN IN
THE MEDIA.

YOU MAY
BEGIN.



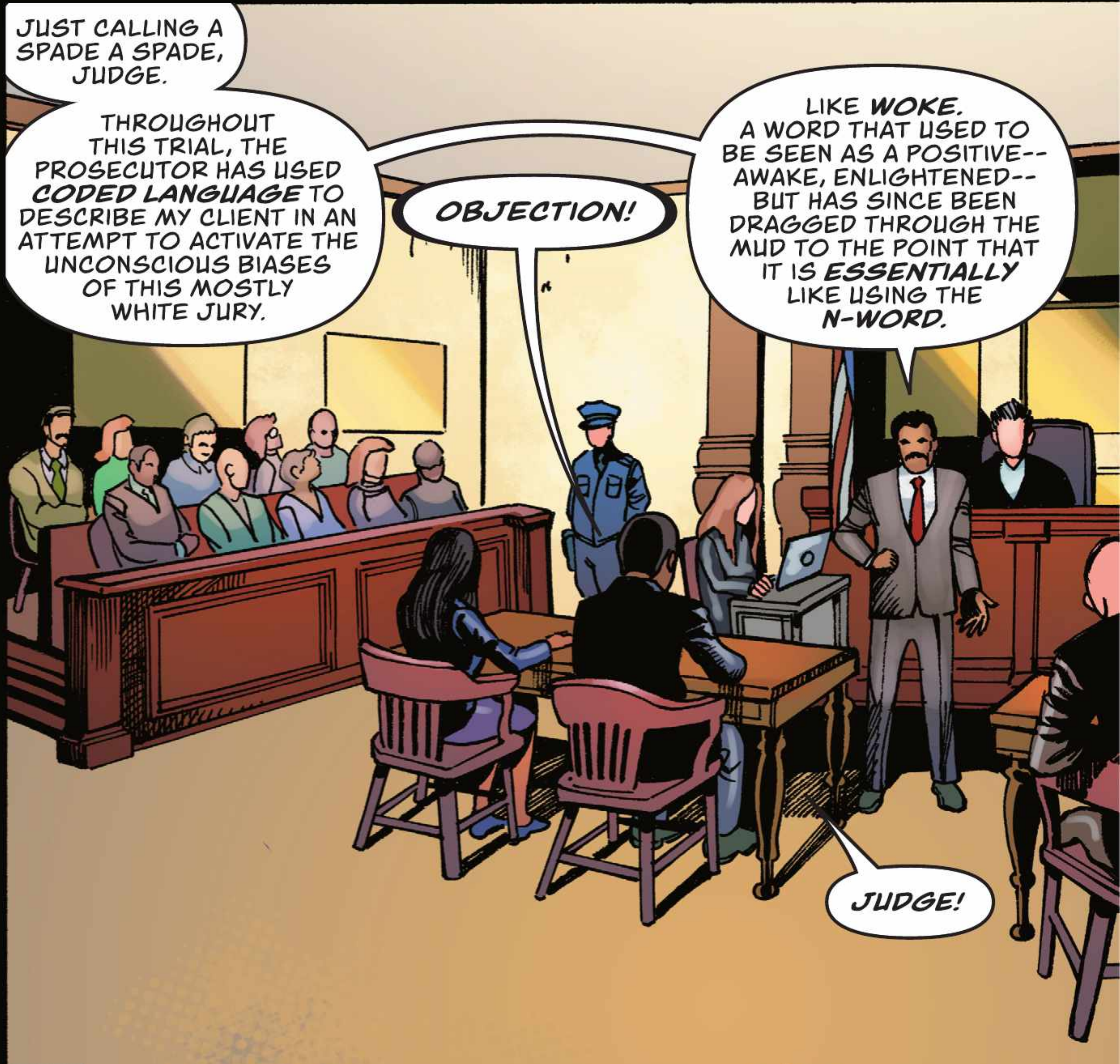


WHAT WE HAVE HERE TODAY IS NOTHING MORE THAN A MODERN-DAY LYNCHING.



OBJECTION!

SUSTAINED.



JUST CALLING A SPADE A SPADE, JUDGE.

THROUGHOUT THIS TRIAL, THE PROSECUTOR HAS USED **CODED LANGUAGE** TO DESCRIBE MY CLIENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO ACTIVATE THE UNCONSCIOUS BIASES OF THIS MOSTLY WHITE JURY.

OBJECTION!

LIKE **WOKE**. A WORD THAT USED TO BE SEEN AS A POSITIVE-- AWAKE, ENLIGHTENED-- BUT HAS SINCE BEEN DRAGGED THROUGH THE MUD TO THE POINT THAT IT IS **ESSENTIALLY** LIKE USING THE **N-WORD**.

JUDGE!



THIS IS YOUR **LAST WARNING**, MR. HOWARD.



BUT WHILE THE PROSECUTOR MAY HAVE TRAFFICKED IN BIAS, WHAT HE COULD NOT ACCOUNT FOR WERE COLD, HARD **FACTS**.

THAT WHAT IS DONE IN THE DARK SHALL **ALWAYS** COME TO THE LIGHT.



THIS IS THE TRUTH, WHICH IN A TIME OF UNIVERSAL DECEIT IS A REVOLUTIONARY ACT.

AS YOU CAN SEE IN THIS FOOTAGE, MR. WILLIAMS FIRES HIS GUN REPEATEDLY IN HOPES OF **MOWING** MY CLIENT DOWN.



LUCKILY, MY CLIENT'S **STEEL-CLAD BODYGUARD** WAS THERE TO PROTECT HIM.

THE BULLETS, FIRED BY MR. WILLIAMS, THEN HIT MR. ALVA, KILLING HIM DEAD.



I KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN TO PUT MY CLIENT **UNDER** THE JAIL, BUT IF HE DID NOT **SHOOT** THE **BULLET**-- YOU CANNOT DO IT!







ALVA INDUSTRIES
H.Q. DAKOTA.

IN A **UNANIMOUS** VOTE BY THE BOARD, YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS OUR NEW CHAIRMAN AND CEO.

YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON TO RUN THIS COMPANY.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. YOU WON'T REGRET IT.



YEAH, YEAH. NOW TELL US HOW YOU CAN GIVE US SUPERPOWERS.

PLEASE! **HOW SOON?!**



THAT'S MY FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. IT'S CALLED **Q JUICE**, AND WE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING IT FOR SOME TIME NOW. BUT IT'S STILL NOT READY.

THE NEXT STEP IS TO MAKE SURE IT IS THOROUGHLY **TESTED** SO THAT THERE ARE NO SIDE EFFECTS. TESTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR MOST TRUSTED LABS.

LATER.

AS SOON AS I MAKE SURE THE Q JUICE IS **SAFE**, I'LL BE GIVING IT TO THE PEOPLE OF **PARIS ISLAND**. THE PEOPLE WHO **DESERVE** TO BE EMPOWERED THE MOST.

HAD I NOT **ROTTED** IN THAT **JAIL**, I MAY HAVE BEEN CONVINCED OTHERWISE.

BUT NOT ANYMORE.

D.O.B.I.E., HOW'S MY SIDE PROJECT COMING ALONG?

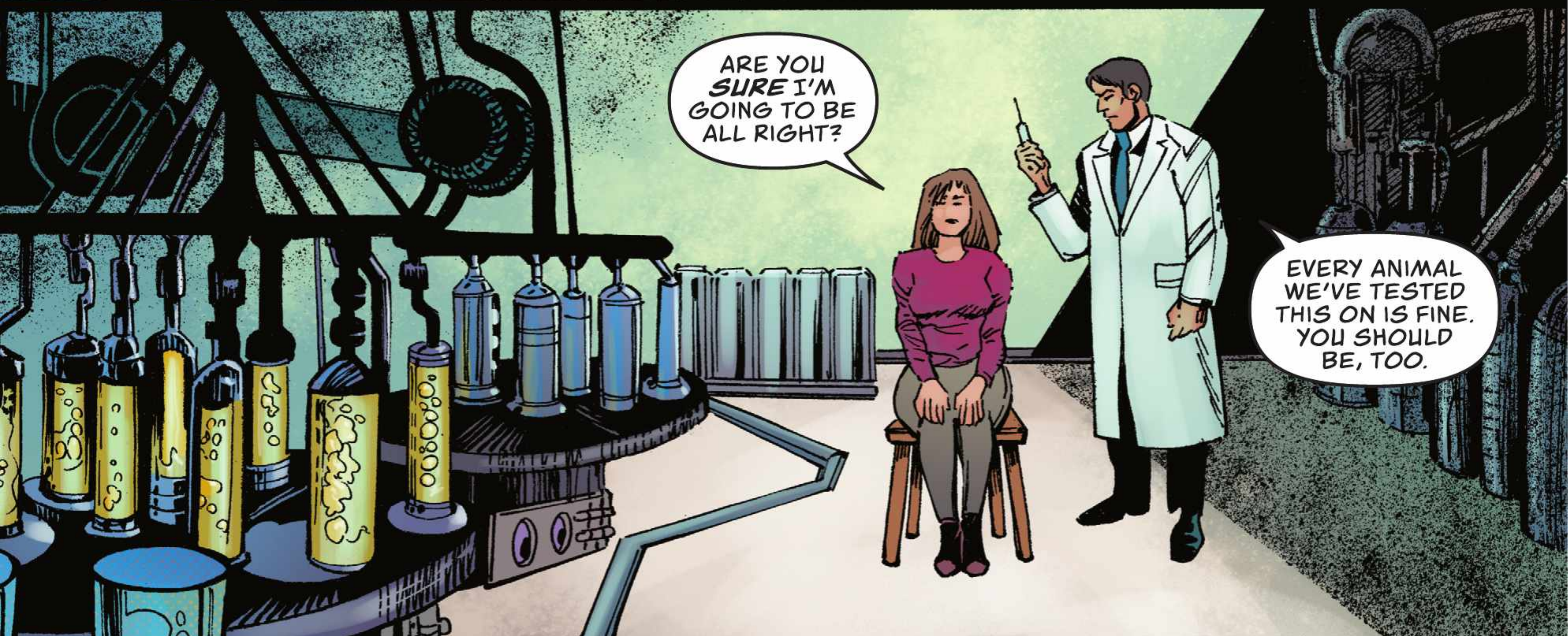


THE ARMOR BASED ON THAT OF YOUR TIME TRAVELING DOPPLEGANGER IS NEARLY COMPLETE, SIR.



GOOD. WITH THIS **AND THE Q JUICE** THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO TO STOP ME...

**ALVA INDUSTRIES LAB.
SADAQAH.**



ARE YOU **SURE** I'M GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?

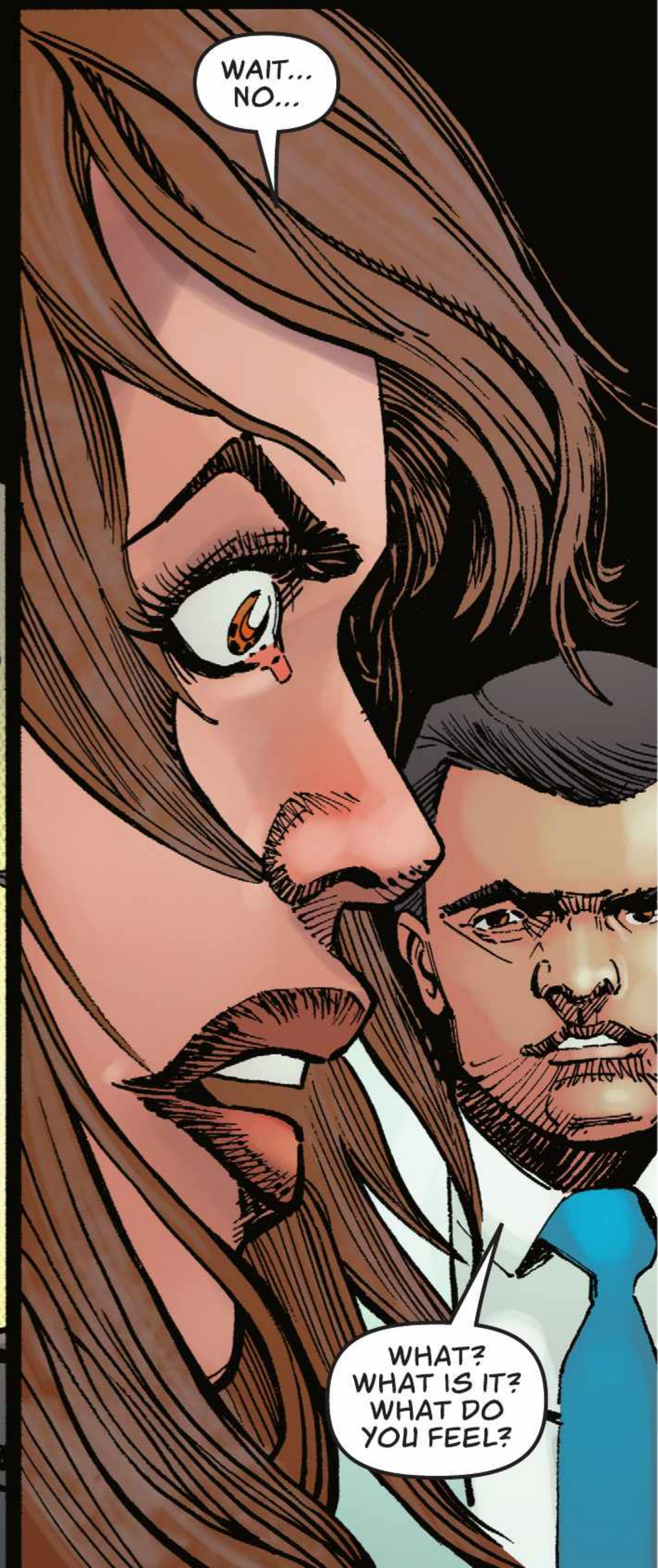
EVERY ANIMAL WE'VE TESTED THIS ON IS FINE. YOU SHOULD BE, TOO.



THIS... THIS FEELS... **AMAZING!**

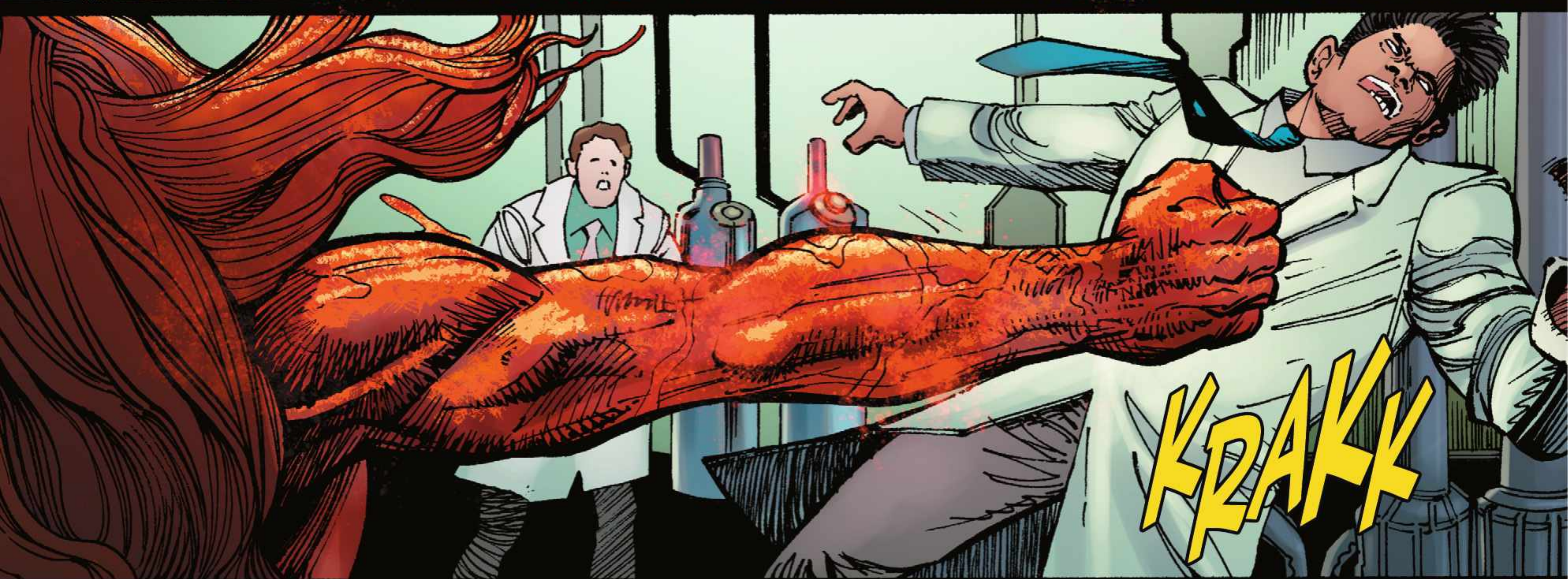


THIS **POWER!** I'M FINALLY **STRONG!**



WAIT... NO...

WHAT? WHAT IS IT? WHAT DO YOU FEEL?





KATHOOD



OH GOD--

IT BURNS, IT--

WHAT IS THIS?

I DON'T-- I DON'T FEEL SO--

PLEASE, SOMEONE HELP--



HRRRAAGH!

"WE NEED
OUR **OWN** SUPER-
POWERED ARMY,
MR. METCALF..."

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THANKS TO *YOUR* LITTLE
INDUSTRIAL INCIDENT IN
SADAQAH, THE Q JUICE IS BEING
REPLICATED BY INDUSTRY
EXPERTS OF OTHER NATIONS,
WHILE ALSO BEING SOLD
ON THE **BLACK MARKET**
BY ARMS DEALERS.

WHERE
ONCE WE WERE
AHEAD, WE NOW
FIND OURSELVES
BEHIND.

BUT IT'S
VERY CLEARLY **NOT**
IN A STABLE ENOUGH
CONDITION TO **ADMINISTER**,
MR. PRESIDENT. THERE
WILL BE CASUALTIES
IF YOU TRY TO MAKE
AN ARMY WITH IT.

AN
UNFORTUNATE
CONSEQUENCE
OF WAR.

BUT WE'RE
NOT AT WAR!
YOU'RE DOING
THIS OUT OF **FEAR**,
NOT OUT OF
NECESSITY!

I WOULD
ADVISE YOU
TO **REMEMBER**
WHO YOU'RE
SPEAKING
TO...

AND YOU
THE SAME.
I RUN THE
COMPANY
NOW.

TRUST ME.
I AM **NOT** THE
PERSON WHO YOU
WANT TO GET
INTO A PISSING
CONTEST WITH.

EVER
HEARD OF THE
OPPOSITE OF
A PARDON?

YOU **WILL**
MASS-PRODUCE
THE Q JUICE FOR
DEPLOYMENT TO
ALL OF OUR GREAT
UNITED STATES
ARMED FORCES
IMMEDIATELY.

IS THAT
UNDERSTOOD?

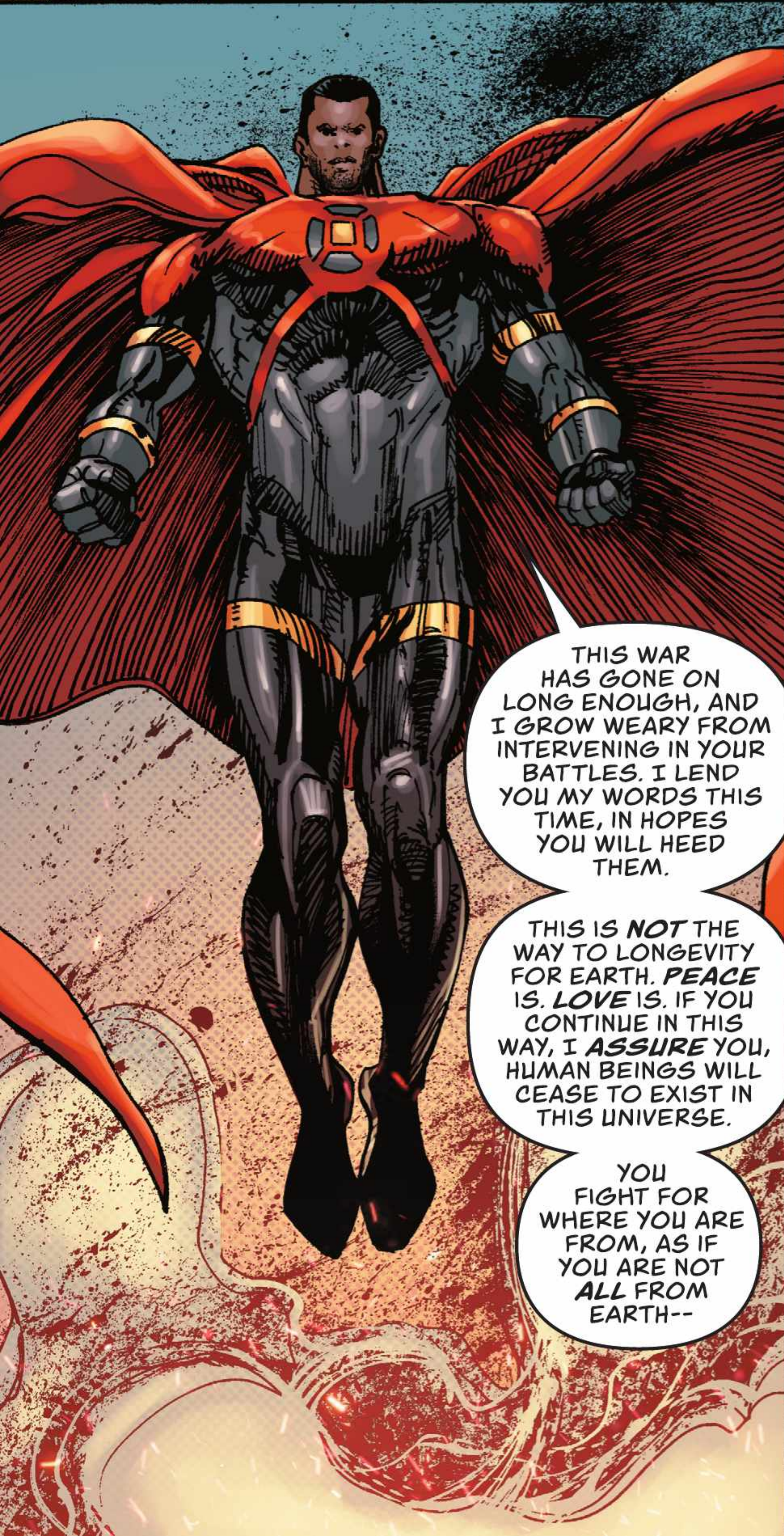
YES,
SIR.



"BESIDES, IT'S JUST A PRECAUTION. I DOUBT A WAR ACTUALLY BREAKS OUT..."



STOP THIS! RIGHT NOW!



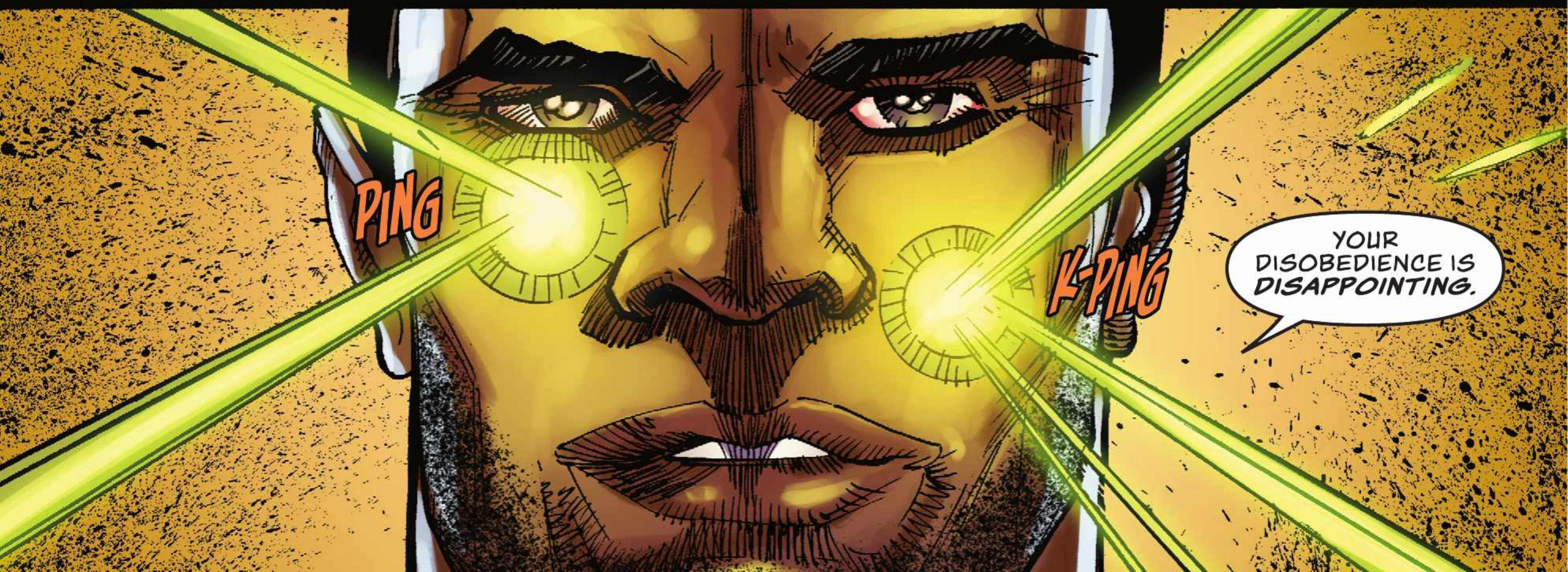
THIS WAR HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH, AND I GROW WEARY FROM INTERVENING IN YOUR BATTLES. I LEND YOU MY WORDS THIS TIME, IN HOPES YOU WILL HEED THEM.

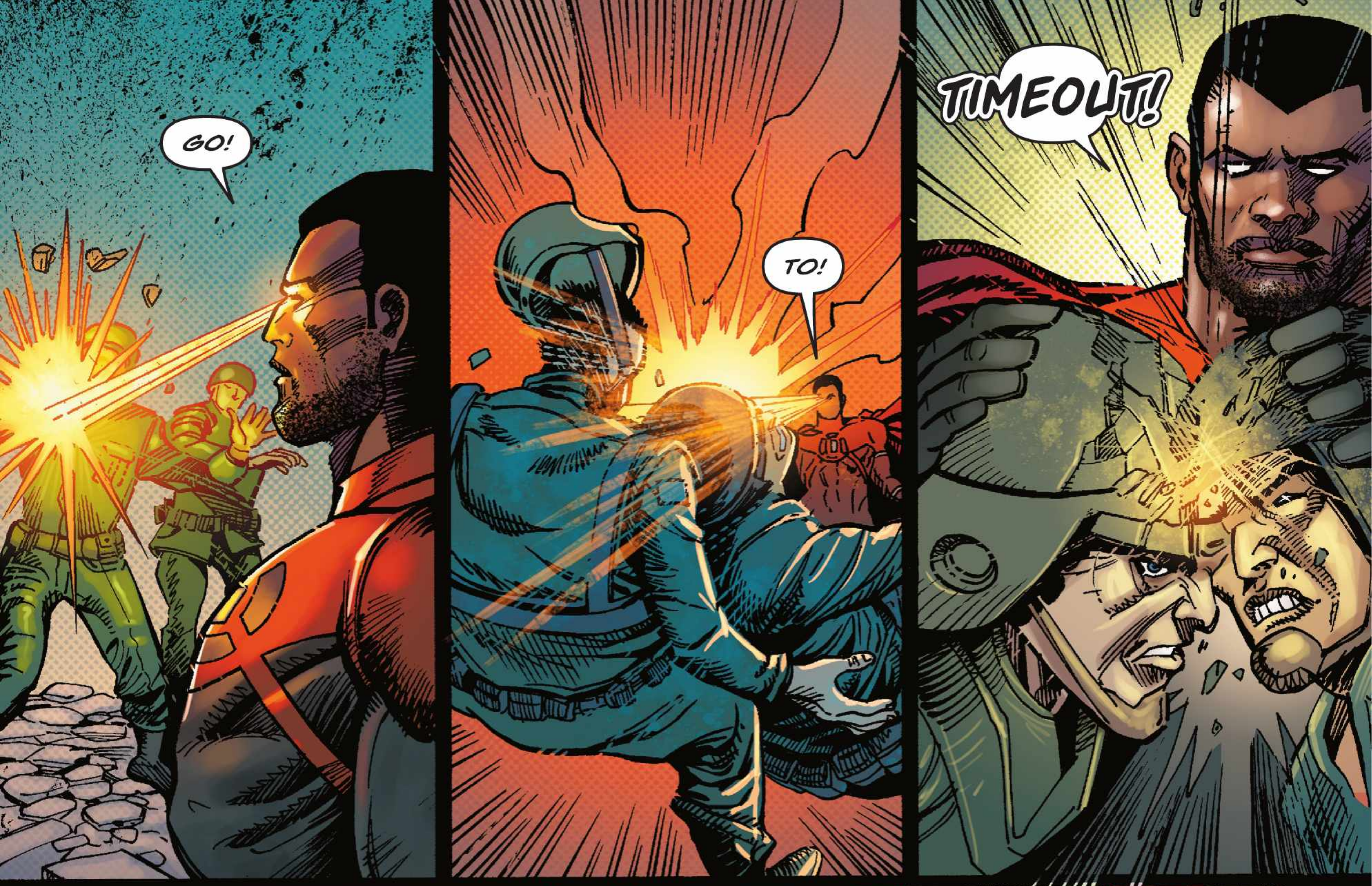
THIS IS *NOT* THE WAY TO LONGEVITY FOR EARTH. *PEACE* IS. *LOVE* IS. IF YOU CONTINUE IN THIS WAY, I *ASSURE* YOU, HUMAN BEINGS WILL CEASE TO EXIST IN THIS UNIVERSE.

YOU FIGHT FOR WHERE YOU ARE FROM, AS IF YOU ARE NOT *ALL* FROM EARTH--



SHUT UP, ALIEN!







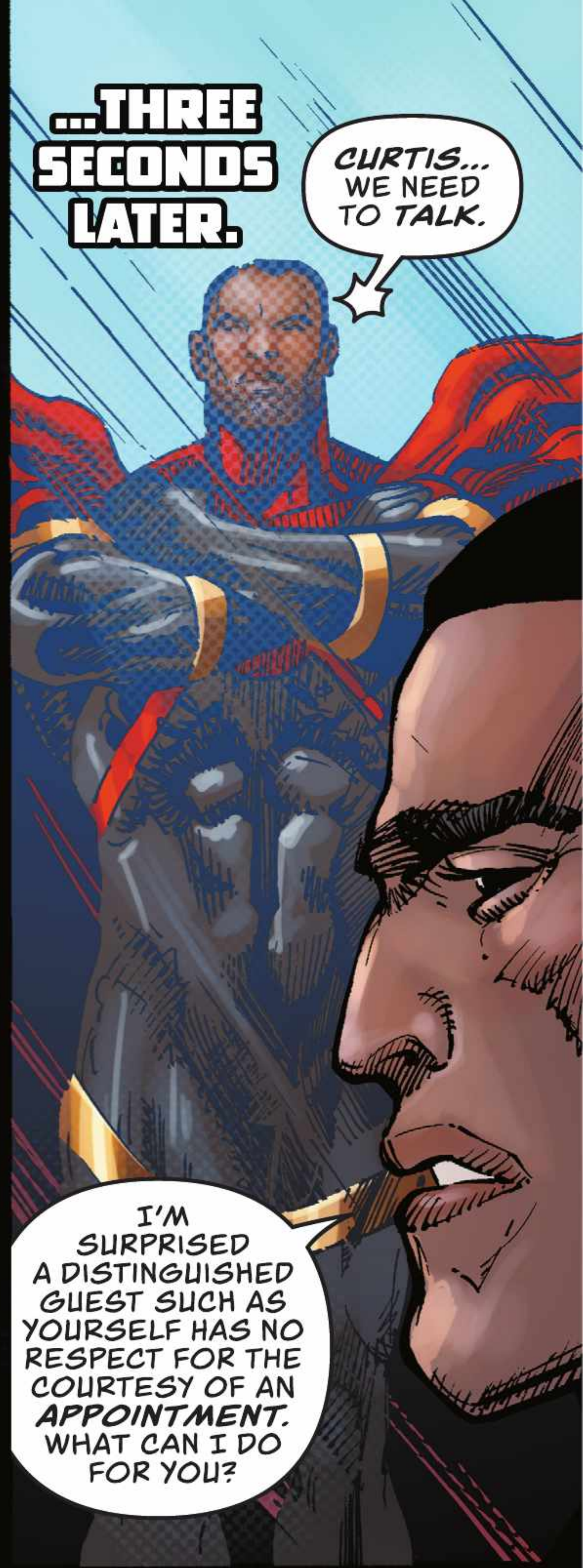


THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER WAY...

HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD, IN DAKOTA...



HE SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO ME.



...THREE SECONDS LATER.

CURTIS... WE NEED TO TALK.

I'M SURPRISED A DISTINGUISHED GUEST SUCH AS YOURSELF HAS NO RESPECT FOR THE COURTESY OF AN APPOINTMENT. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



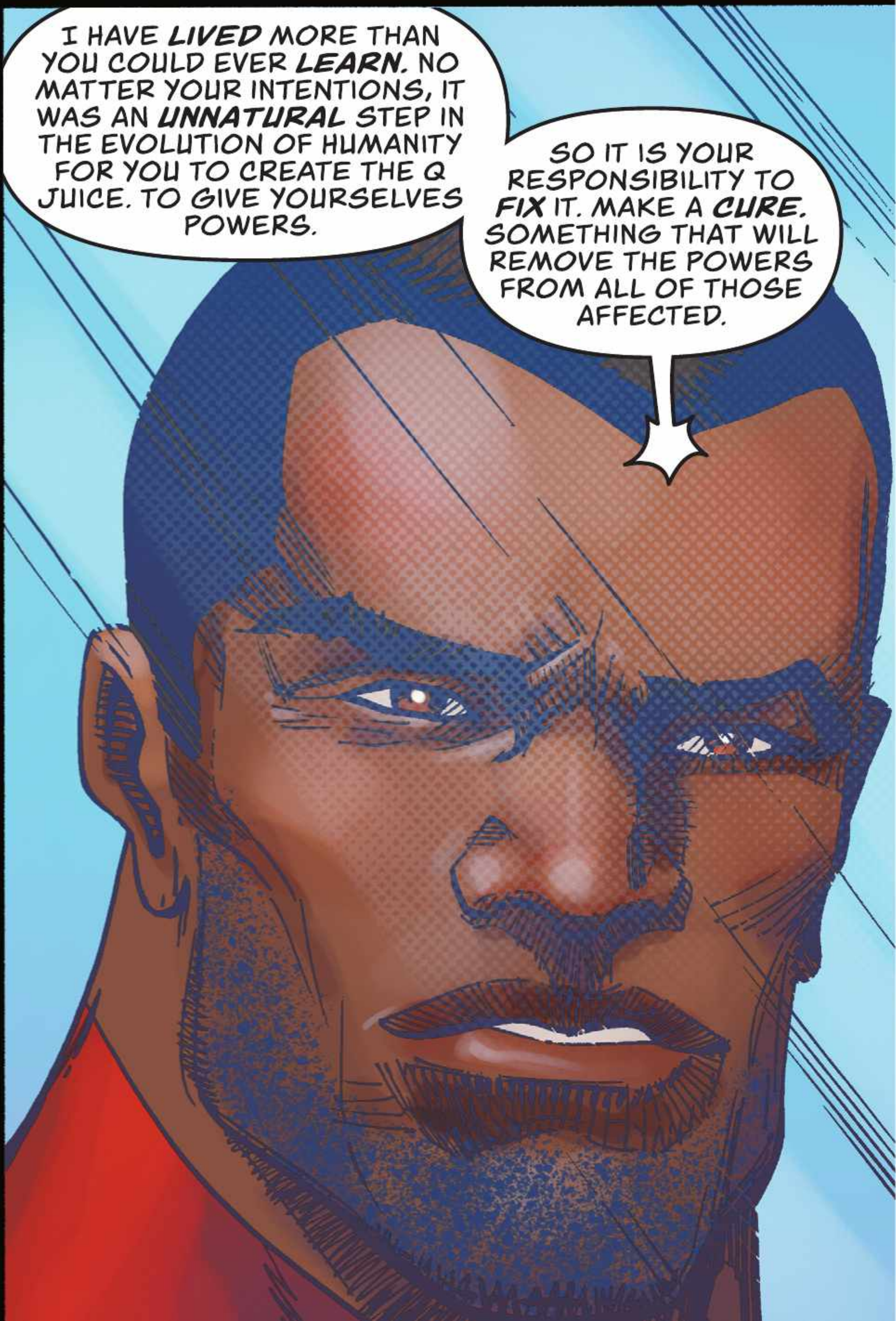
PUT AN **END** TO THIS WAR. THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE. THE CASUALTIES. THEY'RE ALL **YOUR** FAULT.

I WAS **COMMANDED** BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. EVEN **AFTER** I TOLD THAT IDIOT THIS WAS NOT THE WAY.

I WANTED TO GIVE POWER TO **OUR** PEOPLE. BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE.

YOU **ALWAYS** HAVE A CHOICE.

HMPH. APPARENTLY WEARING OUR SKIN HASN'T **TAUGHT** YOU WHAT IT IS TO BE A **BLACK** MAN.



I HAVE **LIVED** MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER **LEARN**. NO MATTER YOUR INTENTIONS, IT WAS AN **UNNATURAL** STEP IN THE EVOLUTION OF HUMANITY FOR YOU TO CREATE THE Q JUICE. TO GIVE YOURSELVES POWERS.

SO IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO **FIX** IT. MAKE A **CURE**. SOMETHING THAT WILL REMOVE THE POWERS FROM ALL OF THOSE AFFECTED.

WATCH
YOUR
TONE.

YOUR IDEA IS RUDIMENTARY.
EVEN IF I MADE A CURE, IT'S TOO
LATE. THE Q JUICE WILL CONTINUE
MUTATING LIKE A VIRUS--WITH
POTENTIALLY EVEN MORE
DISASTROUS RESULTS.

SO HERE'S WHAT
WE'RE **ACTUALLY** GOING
TO DO. YOU'RE GOING
TO GIVE ME ACCESS TO
YOUR ALIEN TECHNOLOGY
SO I CAN FIND A REAL
SOLUTION.

NO.

WRONG
ANSWER...

**ARMOR
UP!**

NANO
ASSEMBLERS
INITIALIZING.

YOUR WAR
IS THE REASON
MY PROTÉGÉ,
RAQUEL, IS DEAD.
I FIGHT IN HER
MEMORY.

YOU DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE.

THEN HOW
ABOUT TWO
OF US...

YOU.
ME...YOU'RE
BACK.

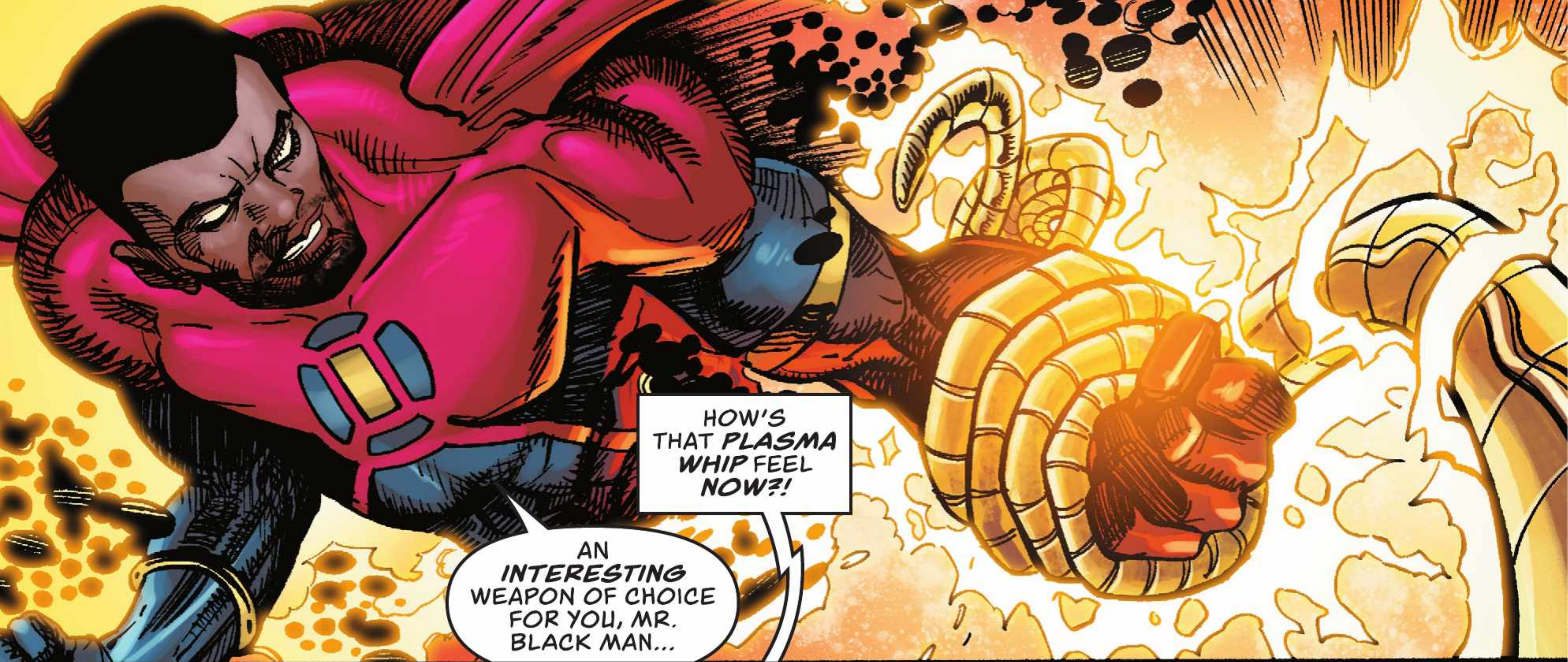
TWO OF
YOU...? LOOKS
LIKE YOU'VE MADE
MULTIPLE POOR
DECISIONS IN
YOUR...LIVES. NOT
JUST THE Q
JUICE.

I HAVE QUESTIONS
ABOUT THIS WAR. BUT
NO MATTER **WHAT** HE
DID, THERE'S NO WAY
I'M JUST GONNA LET
YOU BEAT MY ASS.
I'MMA **ALWAYS** TAKE
UP FOR ME.

HMM.
"WRONG
ANSWER"...







HOW'S
THAT **PLASMA**
WHIP FEEL
NOW?!

AN
INTERESTING
WEAPON OF CHOICE
FOR YOU, MR.
BLACK MAN...



AS A SPECIES,
I CAN DO UPGRADES
TOO...LIKE ADDING
THE REVERSAL OF AN
ENERGY CURRENT'S
DIRECTION.

AAAHH!

LET
HIM GO!

ZZZT



CLANG

CERTAINLY.
MAYBE SMASHING
YOU TWO TOGETHER
WILL MERGE YOU
BACK INTO ONE
ENTITY.



YOU ARE A
VERY SMART
HUMAN...



...BUT
STILL HUMAN,
NONETHELESS.

KRRR KRRR KRRR



SOMETHING TELLS ME *YOU'RE* THE CAUSE OF THIS. NOT HIM.



NOT LETTING US...USE YOUR...ALIEN TECH...FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF HUMANITY...ISN'T THE MOVE OF AN ALLY...IT'S THE MOVE...OF SOMEONE PLAYING GOD.

WE ARE ALL GODS. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE TRYING TO CHANGE *HISTORY*. I JUST ADMIT IT.

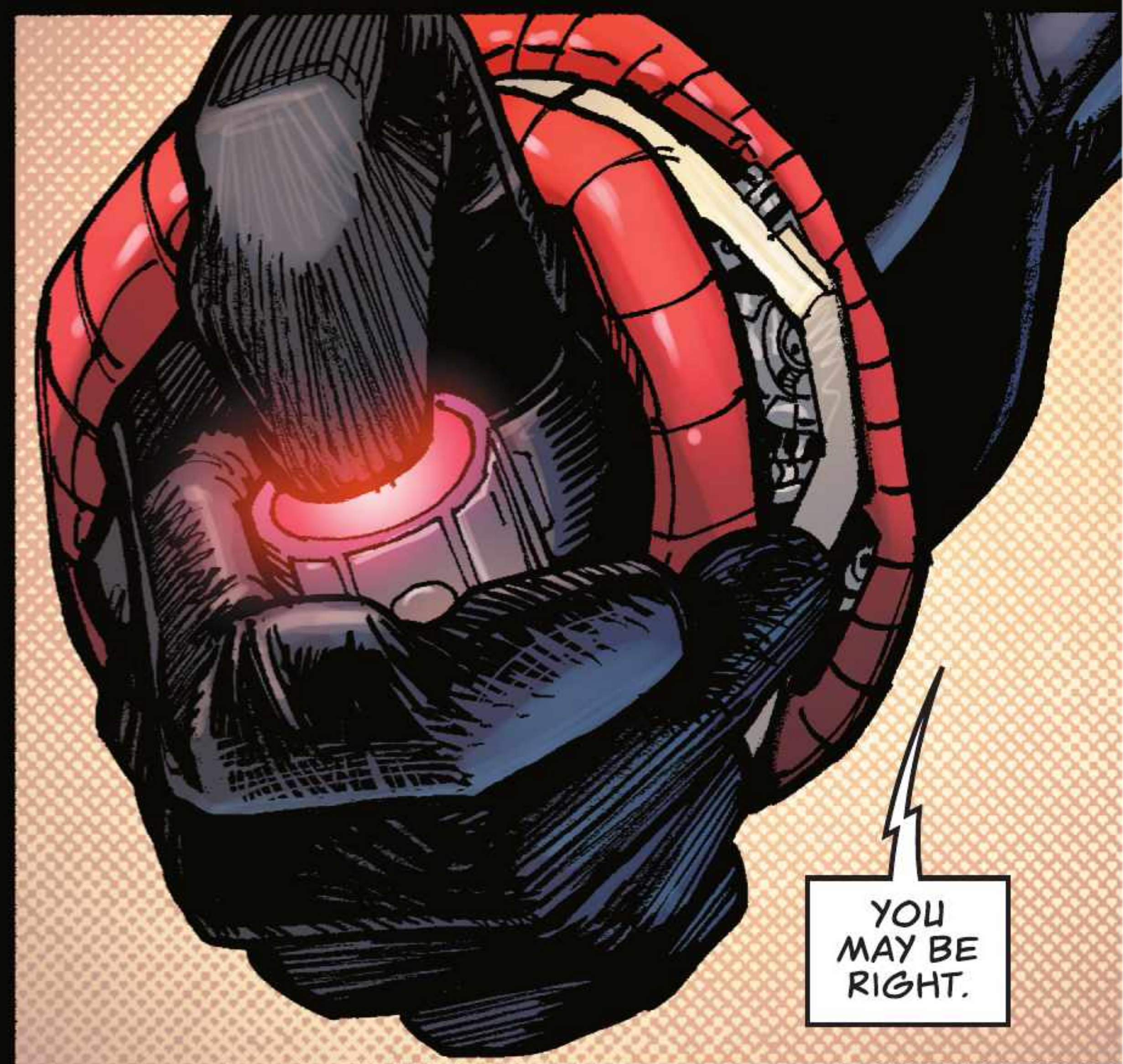


OUT OF RESPECT FOR THAT ASS-WHOOPING...I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING. IN MY TIMELINE THERE WAS A CATASTROPHIC EVENT CALLED *THE BIG BANG*. POLICE USED Q JUICE RIOT GAS ON PROTESTERS. GAVE POWERS TO SOME OF THEM, KILLED THE OTHERS.

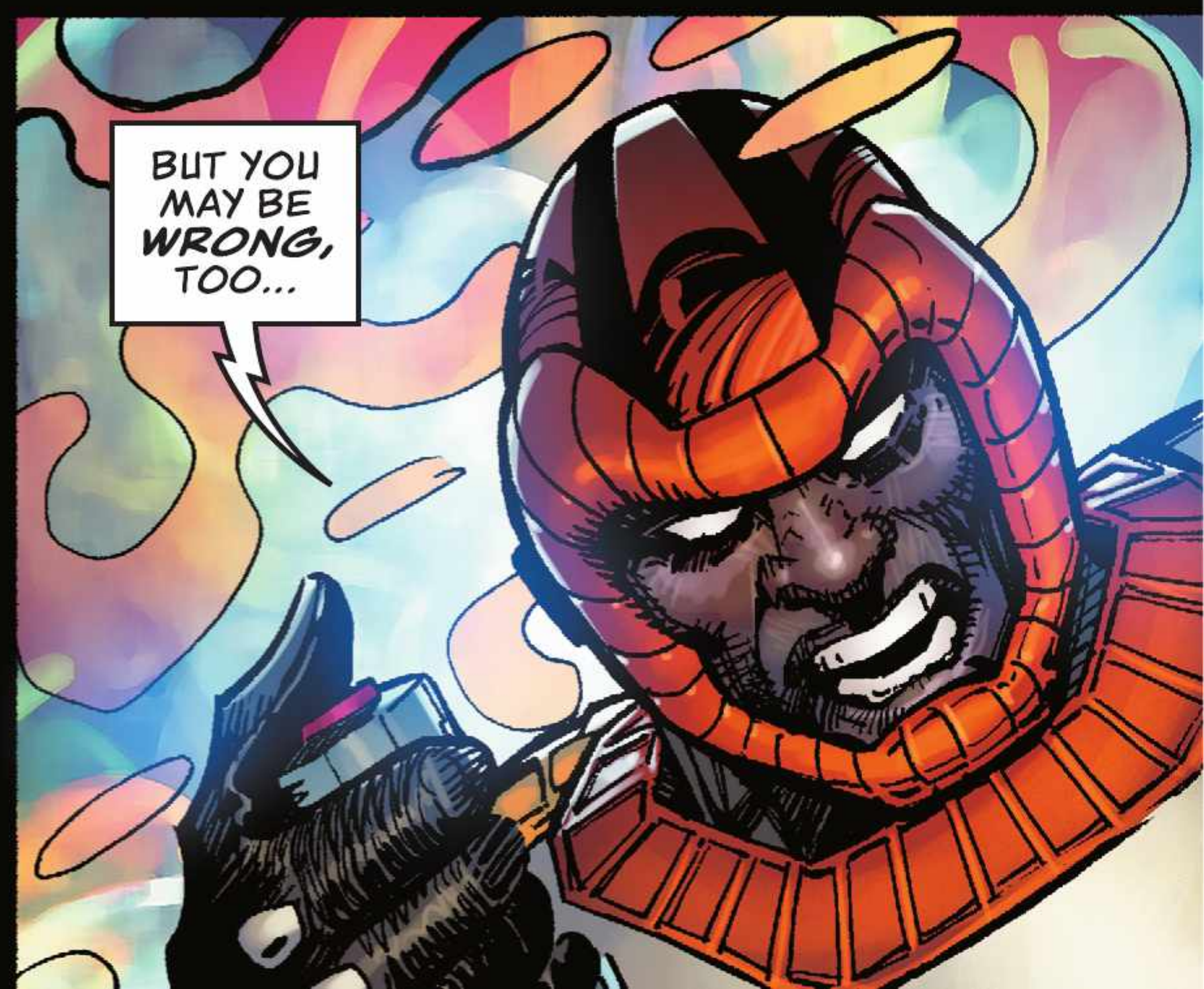
I STOPPED IT FROM HAPPENING, WITH HOPES OF ADMINISTERING THOSE POWERS IN A SAFER WAY.

LOOKS LIKE THIS BIG BANG IS INEVITABLE. ONLY THIS TIME, EVEN *MORE* LIVES WERE LOST.

ATTEMPTING TO STOP FATE IS A FOOL'S ERRAND. YOU'LL ONLY MAKE THINGS *WORSE*. YOU MUST GO BACK, AND ALLOW THE Q JUICE TO BE USED AT THE PROTEST. AS WELL AS UNDO ANYTHING *ELSE* YOU'VE DONE...



YOU MAY BE RIGHT.



BUT YOU MAY BE *WRONG*, TOO...

**THE PRIME TIMELINE.
SWITZERLAND. NOW.**



WHOA.



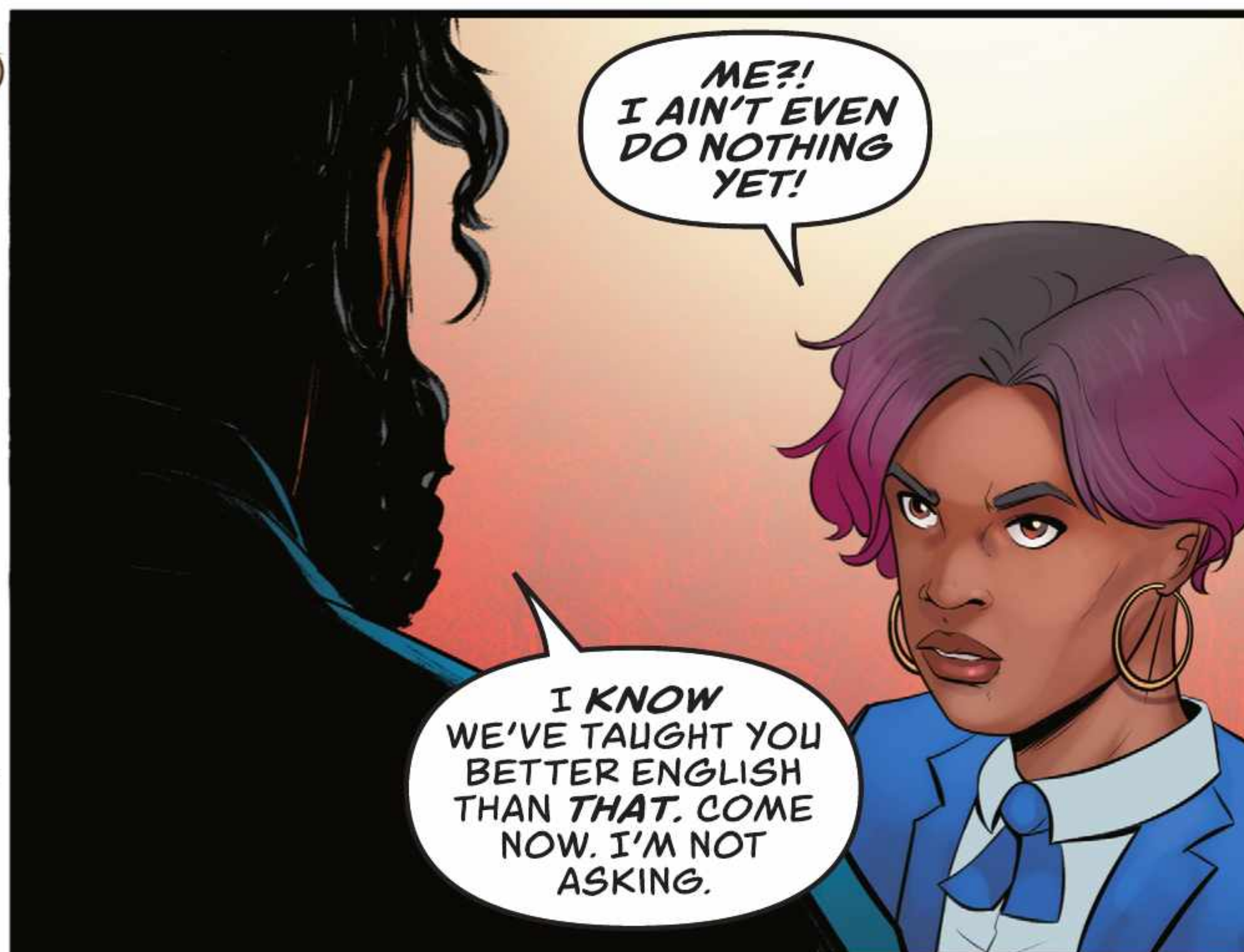
WEIRD.
DÉJÀ VU...



RAQUEL!

FIGHT!





PORTUGAL. THE MID-FIFTEENTH CENTURY.

I WENT BACK AND
FIXED EVERYTHING. DIDN'T
CONVINCE MY DAD TO STAY.
DIDN'T TELL MYSELF TO
STOP ALVA FROM USING
THE Q JUICE. THE PRESENT
IS THE PRESENT AGAIN.



<I'LL
TAKE THAT
ONE.>*

BUT THEN I
THOUGHT TO
MYSELF...



*TRANSLATED FROM
PORTUGUESE.

...I WONDER
IF I CAN FIX
SOMETHING
ELSE...



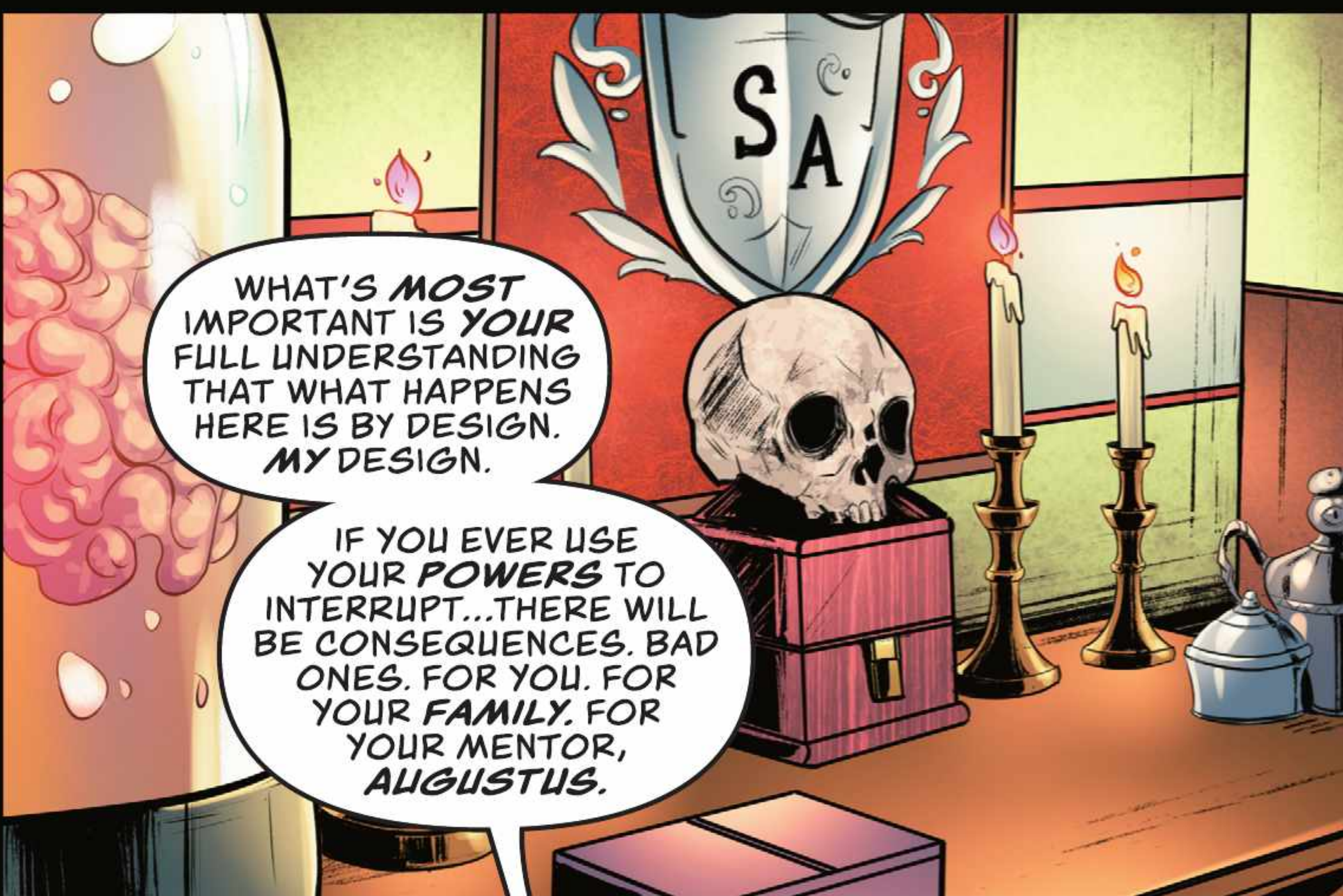


AREN'T YOU GONNA STOP THAT FIGHT?

EXCUSE ME. WILL YOU BE PUTTING AN END TO THE BATTLE OF FISTICUFFS BETWEEN THOSE YOUNG LADIES, SIR?

THAT'S WHAT **TEACHERS** ARE FOR. BESIDES, IT CAN BE A GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO GET A LITTLE **AGGRESSION** OUT EVERY NOW AND THEN.

THAT IS CERTAINLY A CHOICE...



WHAT'S **MOST** IMPORTANT IS **YOUR** FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT WHAT HAPPENS HERE IS BY DESIGN. **MY** DESIGN.

IF YOU EVER USE YOUR **POWERS** TO INTERRUPT...THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES. BAD ONES. FOR YOU. FOR YOUR **FAMILY**. FOR YOUR MENTOR, **AUGUSTUS**.



HOW DID YOU--

WAIT. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY THREATENING **ME?**!



YES. I KNOW HOW **FORMIDABLE** THE TWO OF YOU ARE. BUT YOU'RE NOT **FORMIDABLE** ENOUGH...

AND WHO, EXACTLY, DO YOU THINK **YOU** ARE?







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NIGHTMARE COUNTRY

The GLASS HOUSE

Last year's *The Sandman Universe: Nightmare Country* was, ahem, a dream come true for fans as horror superstar James Tynion IV teamed with acclaimed artist Lisandro Estherren and an all-star lineup of guest illustrators to tell the tale of unsettlingly memorable *The Sandman* antagonist the Corinthian let loose on the waking world.

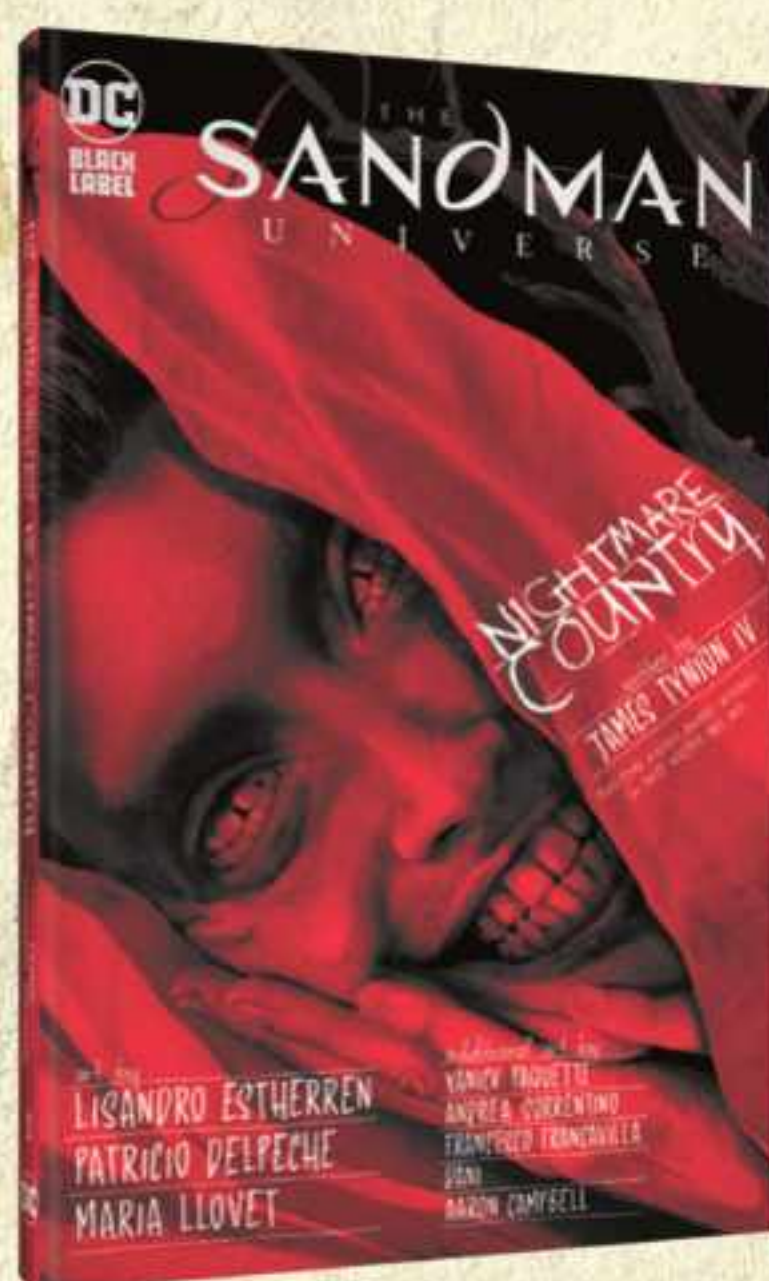
"The whole first series built up this big mystery—there's this monster walking the world that acts like a nightmare but is not a nightmare," Tynion said. "The Corinthian is deeply fascinated by what this monster is and what it could mean."

This spring, Tynion and Estherren return for *The Sandman Universe: Nightmare Country - The Glass House*, a new six-issue series and the latest installment of the *Sandman Universe* saga. In this follow-up volume, the Corinthian's pursuit of the Smiling Man takes him to Silicon Valley.

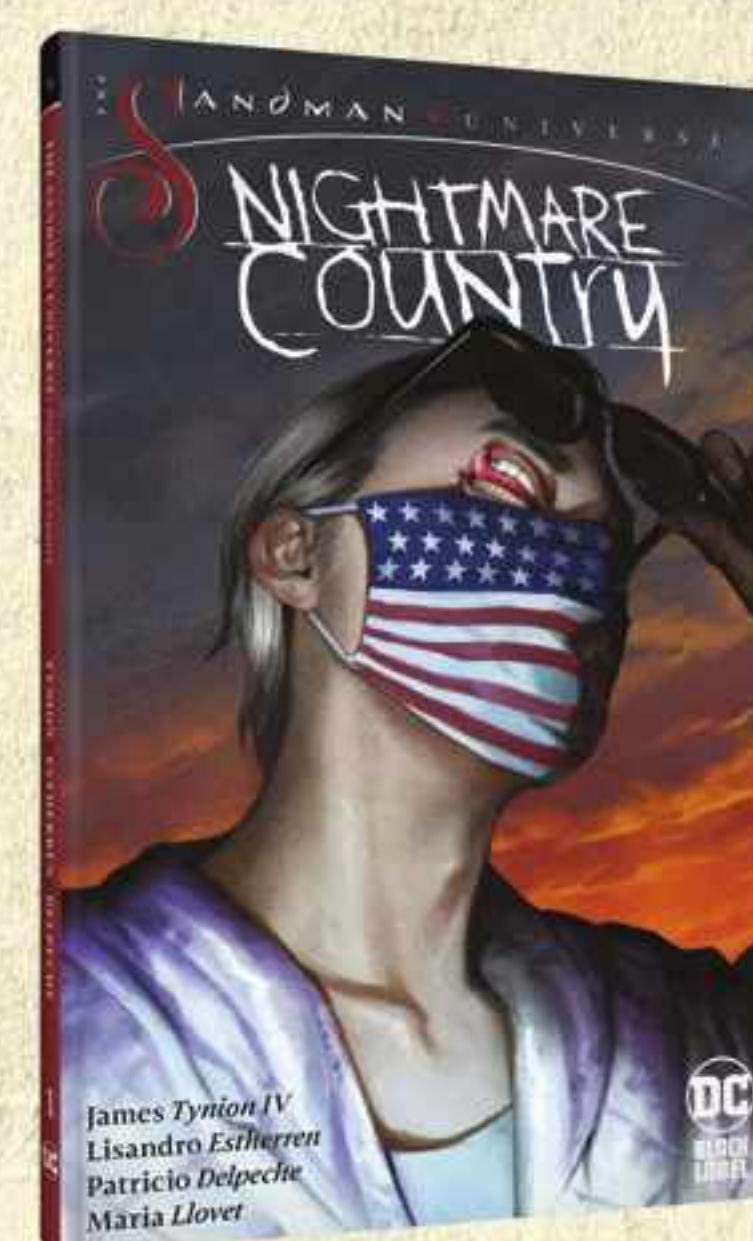


"What exists at the beating heart of America? We talk a lot about the American dream, and that aspirational quality," Tynion said. "But there is also this raw desire that lives at the heart of the American consciousness. There are few places that embody that more than Silicon Valley."

Plus, the full first volume of *The Sandman Universe: Nightmare Country* returns in two collected editions—in paperback and a collector's edition hardcover—released simultaneously. The hardcover edition is bundled with a mini-print of Jenny Frison's take on Death of the Endless, which first appeared as a *Nightmare Country* variant cover.



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